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	Examiner Jermaine Jenkins	Art Unit 2855

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 and 35-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 31-34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,24,26,27 and 35 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,3,5-23,25,28-34 and 36-65 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4, 24, 26, 27 & 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oohata et al (5,291,788).

In regards to claims 1, 4 & 35, Oohata et al teaches a semiconductor pressure sensor having a substrate (111) comprising a first surface and a second surface opposite to the first surface (See Figure 3A; a first surface being the side where the pressure comes from the pressure path (125) and the second side being the side where the pressure sensors (135A and 135B) are placed), a diaphragm (117) formed in the substrate and arranged to be displaceable by a pressure medium acting on the first surface of the substrate (111) (Column 7, lines 12-19), and a sensor (135A & 135B) arranged on the second surface of the substrate (111) to detect displacement of the diaphragm (117) (Column 7, lines 12-19; See Figure 3A).

With respect to claim 24, Oohata et al teaches wherein the substrate (111) comprises a silicon chip (Column 6, lines 61-63).

With respect to claim 26, Oohata et al teaches wherein the sensor (135A & 135B) comprises a piezo-resistive element (Column 6, line 67 – Column 7, line 5).

With respect to claim 27, Oohata et al teaches wherein the substrate (111) has a first thickness; and the diaphragm (117) comprises a portion of the substrate (111) that has a second thickness thinner than the first thickness (See Figure 3A).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-30 & 36-65 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks pages 15-23, filed 10/03/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-30 & 35-59 under 102(b) & 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of a newly found prior art reference.

5. Examiner requests the cancellation of the withdrawn claims 31-34.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jermaine Jenkins whose telephone number is 571-272-2179. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7am-530pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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